

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, BE  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER  
TINDEMANS FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QTE.

2. FYI PRIME MINISTER SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT: QTE AU MOMENT OU VOUS ACCEDEZ A LA MAGISTRATURE SUPREME DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE, JE TIENS AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT BELGE A VOUS PRESENTER LES VOEUX LES MEILLEURS POUR L'ACCOMPLISSEMENT DE VOTRE HAUTE MISSION. JE SUIS CONVAINCU QUE LES EXCELLENTES RELATIONS EXISTANT ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS VONT-ENCORE SE RENFORCER ET QUE LE DIALOGUE ENTRE L'EUROPE ET LES ETATS-UNIS SE DEVELOPPERA COMME NOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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LE SOUHAITONS LES UNS ET LES AUTRES. END QTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGES  
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD RECIPIENT WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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